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REF: STATE 048440; TELCON CAVAZOS/FON

CATHERINE CAVAZOS ARRIVING RIO DE JANEIRO SUNDAY MARCH 19, AT
1740 VIA VARIG FLT 843. PLEASE MEET AND ACCOMMODATE.

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6. UNDER LAW 4;

-- THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF
ELECTORAL LAW AND CONDUCT OF ELECTIONS WILL BE
COMPOSED OF THREE MAGISTRATES ELECTED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH ARTICLE 126 OF THE CONSTITUTION (ARTICLE 126
PROVIDES FOR THE ELECTION OF THREE MAGISTRATES FOR
SEVEN-YEAR TERMS, ONE CHOSEN BY THE NACR, ONE (A
LAWYER) BY THE SUPREME COURT, AND ONE BY THE EXECUTIVE

ORGAN);

--THE MAGISTRATES CAN HOLD NO OTHER POST
EXCEPT UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR. THEY MAY NOT
PARTICIPATE IN POLITICS EXCEPT TO VOTE NOR PRACTICE
AW, BUSINESS OR HOLD ANY OTHER REMUNERATIVE POSITION
(ARTICLE 5);
--SEVEN SUBORDINATE AGENCIES OF THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL
ARE IDENTIFIED, (ARTICLE 12) AND
--AN OFFICIAL TALLY BOARD WILL OPERATE AS AN INDEPENDENT
AND COMPLEMENTARY AGENCY OF THE ELECTORAL
TRIBUNAL. THE DIRECTOR OF THE BOARD WILL
REPRESENT THE INTERESTS OF SOCIETY IN ANY ELECTORAL
ISSUES BROUGHT BEFORE THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL,
EXPRESS HIS OPINION ON ANY CASE SUBMITTED TO THE TRIBUNAL,
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AND CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF ELECTORAL CRIMES AND
MISDEMEANORS (ARTICLE 22-29).

7. LAW 5 REGULATES COTING ON THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE
AND UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, AND OF AN EQUAL, DIRECT AND SECRET
VOTE. UNDER LAW 5:

--ANY CITIZEN MEETING THE REQUIREMENTS TO HOLD THE POSITION
HAS THE RIGHT TO RUN FREELY AS A CANDIDATE FOR COMMUNITY
REPRESENTATIVE OR ALTERNATE (ARTICLE 3).
--A CANDIDATE FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE OR ALTERNATE
CANNOT HOLD ANY OTHER POSITION OF AUTHORITY (ARTICLE 12).
--THERE CAN BE ONLY FIVE CANDIDATES FOR EACH COMMUNITY
(ARTICLE 34), AND THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL SHALL DETERMINE THE
NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS REQUISITE FOR CANDIDACY. WHEN THE NUMBER
OF APPLICANTS IS MORE THAN FIVE, THE FIVE APPLICANTS
WHO HAVE INDIVIDUALLY REGISTERED THE MOST SUPPORTERS AT THE
END OF THE REGISTRATION PERIOD WILL BE CONSIDERED AMONG
THE CANDIDATES FOR ANY GIVEN COMMUNITY.
--THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL SHALL PREPARE BALLOTS AND DETERMINE
THEIR DESIGN; THE BALLOTS SHALL BE OF DIFFERENT COLORS,
SELECTED BY LOT IN ARTICLES 42 AND 43).

8. THE ELECTORAL TRIBUNAL ISSUED DECREE NUMBER 9 ON
FEBRUARY 20, WHICH SETS FORTH THE REGULATIONS FOR NOMINATIONS
FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES. THE NUMBER OF
SUPPORTERS NECESSARY FOR CANDIDACY VARIES FROM 5 TO
100 DEPENDING ON THE SIZE OF THE COMMUNITY INVOLVED.
IN COMMUNITIES OF UP TO 100 ELECTORS, AT LEAST FIVE SUPPORTERS
ARE REQUIRED; OF 101-300 ELECTORS, TEN SUPPORTERS ARE
REQUIRED; OF 301-500 ELECTORS, 15 ARE REQUIRED; OF 501-1,000
ELECTORS, 25 ARE REQUIRED; OF 1,001-2,000 ELECTORS,
35 ARE REQUIRED; OF 2,001-6,000 ELECTORS, 75 ARE REQUIRED;
AND IN COMMUNITIES OF MORE THAN 6,001 ELECTORS, 100 SUPPORTERS
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ARE REQUIRED.

9. ANOTHER LAW, ISSUED FEBRUARY 10 (LAW 6), PROVIDES FOR THE REMOVAL FROM OFFICE OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE FOLLOWING CAUSES: 1) VOLUNTARILY MOVING OUT OF THE COMMUNITY REPRESENTED; 2) CONVICTION FOR A CRIME; AND 3) REVOCATION OF AMNDATE. FOR REVOCATION OF THE MANDATE, A PETITION MUST BE FILED BY AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS OF THE COMMUNITY.
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